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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE EUTHANIZING OF ANIMALS BY THE  
CONNECTICUT HUMANE SOCIETY."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2011*) (a) Prior to or  
4 simultaneously with the direct dispensation of a drug to the owner of  
5 an animal, a veterinarian shall undertake a review of any drug  
6 dispensed to such owner by the veterinarian. The review shall include  
7 screening for potential drug therapy problems due to therapeutic  
8 duplication, a contraindication between a drug and a disease, the  
9 interaction of one drug with another, incorrect drug dosage or  
10 duration of drug treatment, the interaction of a drug and an allergy,  
11 and any other significant clinical issues relating to the appropriate use  
12 of drugs. Such review shall be based upon current standards.

13 (b) Prior to or simultaneously with the direct dispensation of a drug  
14 to the owner of an animal, a veterinarian shall discuss with such owner

15 the drug to be dispensed and shall counsel the owner on the usage of  
16 such drug. The discussion and counseling offered in accordance with  
17 this subsection shall include information deemed significant by the  
18 veterinarian based upon such veterinarian professional judgment and  
19 the findings of the review conducted in accordance with subsection (a)  
20 of this section, including (1) the name and description of the drug; (2)  
21 dosage form, dosage, route of administration and duration of drug  
22 therapy; (3) special directions and precautions for preparation,  
23 administration and use by the owner of the animal; (4) common severe  
24 side or adverse effects or interactions and therapeutic  
25 contraindications or precautions that the veterinarian deems relevant;  
26 (5) proper storage of the drug; (6) prescription refill information; and  
27 (7) action to be taken in the event of a missed dose or adverse reaction.

28 (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring a  
29 veterinarian to provide counseling and information when the owner of  
30 the animal refuses such counseling and information."